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Work Session Agenda

Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Wednesday May 13, 2015

Swauk-Teanaway Grange, 1361 Ballard Hill Road
Cle Elum, WA 98922

Time: Opening session will begin as shown; all other times are approximate.

Public Comment: This is a work session between staff and the Commission. The public is invited but no public comment will be taken. No decisions will be made by the Commission at the work session.

9:03 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Steve Milner, Commission Vice-Chair

- Call of the roll
- Changes to agenda

9:05 a.m. LOGISTICS

- Meeting and Evening Functions

9:08 a.m. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

9:43 a.m. STAFF REPORTS

10:40 a.m. COMMISSION MEETING PROCESS– Peter Herzog, Assistant Director

- This item continues discussion regarding the Commission’s role in identifying tasks and developing agency work plans.

11:06 a.m. BREAK

11:11 a.m. OPERATIONS PROCESS/STRUCTURAL CHANGES– Mike Sternback, Assistant Director and Scott Griffith, Eastern Region Manager

- This item provides an update of many of the moving pieces involved in establishing a solid foundation in this fiscal environment for the long term. This includes staffing levels, changes to classifications and overall goals. We also will discuss the recent operations division all staff meetings held around the state.

12:09 p.m. LUNCH

12:20 p.m. Continued - OPERATIONS PROCESS/STRUCTURAL CHANGES– Mike Sternback, Assistant Director and Scott Griffith, Eastern Region Manager

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- 12:42 p.m. RECREATION CONSERVATION OFFICE/ RECREATION CONSERVATION FUNDING BOARD/ GRANTS UPDATE** – Peter Herzog
- This item provides the Commission an overview of the role played by the Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and the Recreation and Conservation Funding Board in guiding state investment in outdoor recreation and habitat preservation. Joining us will be Marguerite Austin, RCO Grants Manager.
- 1:20 p.m. PUBLIC UTILITIES DISTRICTS RELATIONSHIPS** – Mike Sternback, Assistant Director
- This item provides an overview of agency relationships with PUDs in Washington.
- 1:35 p.m. LAND ACQUISITION FUTURE**– Peter Herzog, Assistant Director and Steve Hahn, Real Estate Program Manager
- This item begins discussion with the Commission on development of a statewide strategy to guide land acquisition during the next several biennia.
- 2:07 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:15 p.m. PARKLAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT BUDGET PROVISIO** – Steve Hahn, Real Estate Program Manager
- This item provides the Commission an update on work underway to evaluate use and positioning of agency lands and their potential to generate revenue in support of park system.
- 3:00 p.m. FORT WORDEN UPDATE** – Mike Sternback, Assistant Director, Dave Robison, Executive Director Fort Worden Public Development Authority, Ed Girard, Southwest Region Manager and Brian Hageman, Fort Worden Area Manager
- This item provides an update on first year of achievements for PDA along with the operational working relationship between the PDA and Parks.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** (*not needed*)
- 4:00 p.m. DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
- 4:04 p.m. ADJOURN**

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Order of Presentation: In general, each agenda item will include a presentation, followed by Commission discussion and then public comment. The Commission makes decisions following the public comment portion of the agenda.

Public Comment:

Comments about topics not on the agenda are taken during General Public Comments.

Comments about agenda topics will be taken with each topic.

If you wish to comment at a meeting, please fill out a comment card and provide it to staff at the sign in table. The Chair will call you up to the front at the appropriate time. You may also submit written comments to the Commission by emailing them to Commission@parks.wa.gov by 5 p.m. on May 8, 2015.

9:03 a.m. CALL TO ORDER – Patricia Lantz, Commission Chair

- Flag Salute, Jason Both, Lake Easton Area Manager
- Call of the roll
 - Chair Patricia Lantz, Vice-Chair Steve Milner, Secretary Mark Brown, Ken Bounds, Doug Peters, Rodger Schmitt and Cindy Whaley and
- Introduction of Staff
 - Director Don Hoch, Assistant Director Mike Sternback, Assistant Director Peter Herzog, Financial, Technology and Business Services Director Shelly Hagen, Policy and Governmental Affairs Director Daniel Farber, Communications Director Virginia Painter, Human Resources Director Becky Daniels and Executive Assistant Becki Ellison. Michael Young from the Attorney General's Office
- Recognition of State and Local Officials
 - Former WSPRC Commissioners Russ Cahill and Cecelia Vogt
- Approval of the Agenda
 - **Motion** by Ken Bounds to approve the agenda as presented with a resolution by Steve Milner to be presented after the Area Report. Second by Steve Milner.
Approved unanimously as presented.

- Approval of minutes of previous meeting: March 26, 2015 – DuPont
 - **Motion** by Mark Brown to approve the minutes as provided. Second by Cindy Whaley. **Approved unanimously as provided.**

9:13 a.m. AREA REPORT- Jason Both, Lake Easton Area Manager

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE LAKE CHELAN TRAILS ALLIANCE IN THE EFFORT TO FURTHER ESTABLISH TRAILS IN THE LAKE CHELAN VALLEY

WHEREAS, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission endeavors to connect all Washingtonians with their diverse natural and cultural heritage while providing memorable recreational and educational experiences that enhance their lives; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission believes that trails have the potential to contribute to the wellness and economy of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Parks operate nearly 700 miles of trails providing opportunities to realize these memorable experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission support the goal of improving the quality of life in the region by connecting Lake Chelan and Twenty-Five Mile Creek State Parks with other recreational and civic venues located throughout the Lake Chelan basin; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Chelan Trails Alliance is a private group of trail enthusiasts interested in further establishing a Lake Chelan valley-wide trail system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, to support the Lake Chelan Trails Alliance in further developing recreational trails in the Lake Chelan Valley.

Motion by Steve Milner to approve the resolution as presented. Second by Ken Bounds.
Approved unanimously as presented.

9:35 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Pre-Arranged Speakers

- ~~John Floberg, Executive Director, Washington State Parks Foundation~~
- Glenn Glover, Executive Director, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
- Doug Schindler, Mountains to Sound Greenway

10:32 a.m. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: Topics not on the agenda

- Mitchell W. Long, Project Manager Kittitas Conservation Trust
- Vladamir Gutman, Senior Policy Director Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition
- Russ Cahill, Former WSPRC Commissioner

10:58 a.m. BREAK

11:15 a.m. REPORT

Item E-1: Proposed 2016 Regular Meeting Schedule for the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

This item asks the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to review the suggested meeting dates and locations for their regular 2016 meeting schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken.

11:25 a.m. REPORT

Item E-2: Financial Update

This item reports to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on the status of: 1) State Parks' 2013-15 Biennium operating and capital expenditures, 2) Parks Renewal and Stewardship Account (PRSA) revenue collections, and 3) the 2015-17 Operating and Capital Budget Requests. This item aligns with Agency core values and advances the Commission Transformation Strategy – “Adopting a business approach to park system administration.”

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken.

11:38 a.m. REPORT

Item E-3: Legislative Update

This item reports on the status of issues, bills and budgets affecting State Parks during the 2015 session of the Washington State Legislature.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken.

12:01 p.m. LUNCH

12:35 p.m. REPORT

Item E-4: Fudge Point Property – Classification and Management Planning Project

This item updates the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission on development of land classifications, long-term boundary, and a park management plan for the Fudge Point Property on Harstine Island. This item aligns with the agency's core values and advances the Commission Transformation Strategies: "Develop amenities and acquire lands that advance transformation" and "Provide recreation, cultural, and interpretive opportunities people will want."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stet Palmer, Mason County resident
Paul Kundtz, State Director of the Trust for Public Land
Jenel Ison, Adjacent property owner
Mike Glaser, Adjacent property owner
Cal Ison, Adjacent property owner

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken.

1:51 p.m. REPORT

Item E-5: 2014 Capital Program Updates

This item updates the Commission on Capital Program progress for the 2013-2015 biennium. This item aligns with agency core values and advances the Commission Transformation Strategy: "Develop amenities and acquire lands that advance transformation".

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ACTION:

Report only, no action taken.

2:25 p.m. ROUNDTABLE WITH FORMER COMMISSIONERS

3:10 p.m. ADJOURN MEETING

3:30 p.m. Depart for Washington State Horse Park, 1202 Douglas Munro Blvd., Cle Elum, WA

4:00 p.m. Meet with the Executive Director of the Washington State Horse Park – tour park

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